



Minutes of DePue Advisory Group
October 17, 2001

Mission Statement: "To Receive and disseminate concerns, opinions, and recommendations to the appropriate Federal and State agencies related to the cleanup of the DePue Super Fund Site."

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Rodney Spayer. Roll Call was taken (see list) twelve persons were in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously via a voice vote.

Regular order of business was dispensed with to hear a report from Rich Lange, IEPA. He reported that there have been ongoing activities at the Gyp Stack Site on Route 29. Dredging of sediment has taken place on the top of the gyp stack. Goal is to clear out gyp sediment from the lower pond to the top pond, to repair the clay liner, and then transfer water from the top pond to eventually close that pond. It will be a two-year process.

On Marquette St., a sidewalk has been removed and will be replaced to prevent surface water problems from occurring.

In the next few weeks areas along the ditch south of Marquette St. will see a 300-ft extension of groundwater treatment at the lift station and a valve will be put in to handle bigger storm events.

A Remedial Investigation Report is expected soon from the DePue Group. This report will be available to the public at the library. This will lead into Phase 2, which will identify data gaps. The DePue Group has let a contract to develop a scope of work for ecological risk assessment of the entire site including investigation of Lake DePue. When finished this will result in work plans followed by fieldwork. This will be a 9-18 month cycle. The public will be informed of the work plan.

Lange made a lengthy presentation on the South Ditch. He detailed the reasons as to why this project has slowed down.

A formalized presentation of the South Ditch Program to solicit public comment will take place shortly after the beginning of the year 2002. Lange said, "in 2003 the South Ditch is likely to be dredged."

The IEPA has made comments on the IDNR Quality Assurance Document. The QAP may be released soon to the public. Virginia Wood, IEPA will make a fact sheet out of this document.

The DePue Group will be removing some concrete rubble and railroad ties in the spring.

Drilling on the gyp stack has been completed to discern hydrology of Gyp Stack Area. More drilling will be taking place. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has spent time on the entire gyp stack site conducting risk and natural resources assessments.

Questions were asked by CAG members.

Reverend Barbara Yara submitted her resignation from the CAG due to her moving from the area. It was accepted and Reverend Yara was thanked for her service as a CAG member representative for the community of DePue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. October 17, 2001 by Acting Chairman Rodney Spayer via a unanimous vote. The next meeting will be arranged and announced to the members.

Respectfully Submitted by
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CAG Secretary

Attendance List

CAG meeting
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CAG members: Tom Dobrich (secretary), Rod Spayer (treasurer), Beverly Harrison, Barbara Yara.

Ex-officio members: Rich Lange (Illinois EPA project manager), Virginia Wood (Illinois EPA community relations coordinator), Bill Bailey (Horsehead Industries), and Donna Prevedell (Prevedell and Associates for PRPs).

Officials: William and Millie Hodge (for State Rep. Frank Mautino), and Jon Oliphant (North Central Illinois Council of Governments).

Other citizens: 1.